Public meeting of the Muslims held at Eriyad.

180. Mr. K. Mohammed Seethi.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received a copy of the resolutions passed at a public meeting of the Muslims held at Eriyad on 24th Meenam 1105 about the orders on the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee;

(b) what the resolutions are;

(c) what the Government have done with reference to the recommendations contained in the resolution?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) The resolutions are as follows:—

(1) This meeting regrets that the strong desire of the Muslim Community expressed in and outside the Cochin Legislative Council that a Muslim Inspector of Education may be appointed for the whole of the State, that the salary of the Arabic teachers may be same as that of the Sanskrit Pandits and that present low salary of the Quran teachers should be raised has not been satisfied by the Government in their orders on the report of the Special Finance Committee and request the Government that they may pass early orders accepting the recommendations of the Community on the above matters.

(2) This meeting records its deep disappointment and regrets that in spite of repeated representations made by the Muslim Cummunity through public meetings and a deputation of the Cochin Muslim Educational Society, the Government have not appointed a Muslim on the Cochin T.B.C. and request that they may kindly do so without further delay.

(3) In view of the assurance given by the Member for Education in the Legislative Council that the stipend of 8 annas which was given for some time to the Muslim girls of Vernacular schools and discontinued subsequently might be restored in accordance with the desire of the Community which protested against the stopping thereof, this meeting requests the Government that the restoration may be kindly ordered immediately.

(c) A Muslim has already been appointed as member of the T. B. C. With regard to the other points vide answers to questions Nos. 1, 3 and 97 and the orders on the Special Finance Committee's report.

Mr. K. Mohammed Seethi. — With reference to the resolution referred to in answer to sub-division (b) (3), when the fact, that the stipend of 8 annas, which was given for some time to the Muslim girls of Vernacular schools and discontinued subsequently, might be restored, was pressed to the Government, and it was further asked whether there was not an assurance

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that that concession would be extended to Muslim girls in Vernacular schools, Government stated that they did not remember. As far as I can remember, such an assurance was given. My information is that the President asked the Director whether there would be any difficulty to extend the concession to Muslim girls in Vernacular schools, and he said that there was no serious objection to it being extended. May I know whether the Government contemplate to extend the concession?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Government found that no definite assurance was given.

Mr. K. Mohammed Seethi.—From the discussion it will be seen that there was an assurance.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Government has not come to a decision on the point.

Mr. K. Mohammed Seethi.—Is it under the consideration of the Government?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes; so far Government have not decided.

Applications for sanction for construction of Mills.

181. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state date-wise the names of the various applicants to Trichur Municipality for sanction to construct mills, the sites proposed by each applicant and what was done on the application in each case by the Municipality during the years 1102, 1103, 1104 and 1105;

(b) in how many of these has the Diwan interferred and with what result?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) In 1102.

16—6—1102. P. K. Sankaranarayana Ayyar, Survey No. 1922/1 (Alath paramba). D/ward.

Construction sanctioned.

2—11—1102. Parapulli Kunjuvarunni Devassikutti B/285. Sanctioned.

17—12—1102. P. K. Sankaranarayana Ayyar, Survey No. 710, Poothole. Sanctioned.

In 1103.

31—1—1103. Veluthukaran Inasu Ouseph, Survey No. 49, 77 and 75, Chiyyaram village. Not considered as the site fell outside the town limits.

1—2—1103. Chakola Poranju Ouseph, Survey No. 26/1, Aranattukara. Sanctioned.

1—3—1103. Chalisseri Antony Mani and others, Survey No. 698/2, Aranattukara. Sanctioned.

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